

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Application Cover Sheet.

OMB Control Number: 0693-XXXX.

Form Number(s): N/A

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 hour.

Burden Hours: 100.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) serves as the coordinating agency for the SBIR program. It directs the agency implementation of SBIR,

reviews progress, and reports annually to Congress on its operation.

The information collected in the Cover Sheet provides identifying information and demographic data for use in NIST's annual report to the SBA on the program. The technical abstract is used in prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse by providing a method to compare

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similar applications to other agency SBIR programs. The abstract and potential commercial

applications of successful applicants are posted on the agency website.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at <u>reginfo.gov</u>. Follow the instructions

to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should

be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to

(202) 395-5806.

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